

Senior Tennis Times

Newsletter of the Senior Tennis Players Club, Inc.

September 2008

Tennis Events

By Bob Busch

InnerCity Tennis Schedule

The ICT Program served over 5,000 youths last year. The fall and winter program starts on Saturday, September 27. Please call 612-824-6099 to volunteer. As the indoor program continues to grow more volunteers are needed. No preregistration is required for this free program for youths ages 3-17. The ICT program will again offer four levels of participation:

- Levels one and two (ages 3-11), 1:30-3:00.
- Levels three and four (ages 11-17), 3:00-4:30.

The Saturday afternoon schedule for fall and winter is: September 27; October 4, 11; November 1, 8, 15, 22; December 6, 13; January 10, 17, 24, 31; February 7, 14; March 7, 14, 21, 28; April 4, 18, 25. The program is offered at the Reed-Sweatt Family Tennis Center located at 4005 Nicollet Avenue South, Minneapolis, Minnesota 55409.

InnerCity Tennis is a 57-year-old non-profit with the mission to use the fun and joy of tennis to help young people build character, competence and commitment for personal and community improvement. For more information or to volunteer please call 612-824-6099 or visit the web site at www.innercitytennis.org.

ICT Clay Court Championships

Approximately 80 senior players competed in 100 events in the clay court championships for the Northern USTA Section at Bearpath Country Club August 7-15. Senior men played singles and doubles in ages 50, 55, 60, 65, 70, 75 and 80 brackets. Chris Wagner of Wagner Investment Services and Estate Planning, the tournaments corporate sponsor, helped to make this a very successful tournament and helped achieve a nice financial contribution to the InnerCity Tennis Foundation. Thanks to all the senior players and workers who helped make this a great benefit tournament for ICT. Members of the tournament committee were: Duane Ryman, Duncan Welty, Steve Caruso, Fred Budde, Ralph Lieber, Larry Greely, Chris Wagner and Bob Busch.

Highly ranked players including David Nash, Marty

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Sign up for indoor tennis

This issue of Senior Tennis Times has the 2008-2009 indoor tennis season schedules. Now's the time to look it over and decide where you want to play.

Old STPC hands know how this all works, but it might be confusing to our new members. If you fall into that category, read on. Here's the short guide to playing indoor tennis.

What are regular and substitute players?

A regular player makes a commitment to play every week at a particular place and time. The other people signed up at that location depend on you to show up so that there is the correct number of people present to play doubles on all courts. If you don't show up and don't find a substitute to take your place, they're forced to play three on a court or singles, and that isn't always fun.

If you want to play but can't make a commitment, you can be a substitute player. Substitutes play when regulars can't show up, for instance when they are on vacation or sick. You can sign up as a substitute at several times and locations to increase your chances of playing frequently.

How do I sign up to play?

First, look over the schedule in the back of this issue. Find a location and time that looks good to you. Then call the captain listed and sign up as either a regular or substitute. Act soon—many people play at the same time and place every year and places fill up fast.

How much does it cost?

The cost to play as a regular varies from location to

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Fall/winter schedule inside!

Captains! Please report any changes.

You can always find up-to-date schedules on our website.

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Letters to the Editor are wanted! This is your space to express an opinion or relate an interesting experience.

Bounce it!

Through experience I'd like to submit an etiquette suggestion. In doubles, when your partner is backpedaling to the baseline area because of a high lob from your opponents, give the "bounce it" call if you must. However, if your partner decides to take it on the fly and misses the return, refrain from saying "I said to bounce it." Your partner has elected to take the shot as it is and he/she is playing the ball, not you. This is not a good time to force your opinion on how the shot should have been played.

David Chatfield

Editor's note: it's never a good time to force your opinion on your partner! Thank you, David, for a great illustration of this general principle.

End of summer

By Dottie Gardner, new members

This wonderful summer of outdoor courts, drills, heat, bug spray, rain, really good days, and lots of fun is now over. We go indoors until the end of April. We thank all the snowbirds for coming home and enjoying STPC tennis. Remember, you can be on substitute lists until you leave again for the winter.

Our membership drive this summer netted about 35 new members. After September 1 all new memberships carry over into next year, 2009. Encourage your friends to join, and get 16 months for just \$25. We must continue letting people know about the best bargain in town.

As a non-profit organization, the Senior Tennis Players Club gratefully accepts donations, memorials and estate gifts.



Mission Statement

The primary purpose of the STPC is to provide tennis playing opportunities to people 50 and older for their mental, physical, and social well-being; and to support the growth of tennis.

Newsletter Submissions

To help make the newsletter as correct as possible, please submit all items in writing only, by mail or email. The deadline is the 17th of the month for publication the following month. All material submitted for publication is subject to editing. Enclose self-addressed stamped envelope if you want materials returned.

Send your submissions to: David Sommer, 3657 17th Avenue South, Minneapolis, MN 55407-2805.

Email: dsommer7@usiwireless.com.

We need help and input from writers, artists, and photographers.

Percy's tennis rhythms



By Percy Hughes

Hi, all wonderful Senior tennis players. Summer time has almost left us, so here I come again, reminding all who played quite often this summer that you should have your racquet strings checked (probably replaced). Check it out --

there are new and different methods being used for stringing—combinations of strings, etc. Gosh we're lucky—our neat President, **Fred Jurewicz**, is a professional stringer. Why not bring racquet and string questions to him, huh? © ©

I seldom get to attend a complete Board meeting, as it's usually on a lesson day, about the same time period. I

decided to attend a full meeting, enabling me to meet the board's incoming new members. As usual, our newly picked board members are totally capable replacements. My guess is that our club, STPC, will go on forever, nationally recognized and successful. I encourage all current members, (meaning our teaching pros also) to check **everyone** for membership—our membership isn't as high as it used to be. I again encourage all members and teaching pros to ask players if they belong to the club. Every teaching Pro should have applications with them. Not hard to do. Well, we'll be going indoors soon, so for those taking our club lessons, be sure to have 5 dollars with you for the cost of the lessons. Meantime, **no foot faults!**

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location—captains can tell you just how much.

I still have questions—who should I talk to?

Talk to the court captains for more information on starting dates, fees, rotation of playing, and anything else about playing at that captain's location. Captains run their sessions differently, so be sure to talk to the captain of the session you're interested in.

What's this about free lessons?

An important objective of STPC is to encourage more people over 50 to learn and appreciate tennis. So every new member is entitled to twelve free lessons from our own STPC pros (you do have to pay a nominal court fee; the lessons themselves are free).

You don't have to commit to a set series of lessons—just pack your racquet and show up. Balls are provided.

There's a listing of lessons and drills in every issue of the Times. Check it out! If you have any questions about the lessons, just call the instructor listed in the schedule.

Players wanted

Spring Lake Park, fall/winter

I (Gladys Murray) am recruiting STPC members who wish to play at the Spring Lake Park Indoor Tennis, commencing fall 2008.

I will be the Captain for the less experienced players. The schedule is Thursday, 10:30-noon, starting the first Thursday in September. We will use three courts. We will register 12 regular players and as many substitutes as want to register. We will have drills every Friday from 1:00-2:30 for regulars and substitutes. To register, call Gladys Murray at 651-483-2850 or cell 651-231-1399.

Mike Schlecter is captain for experienced players (3.5+). Reach Mike at 651-274-2011 or 651-631-2482 at the Spring Lake Park Public Indoor Tennis. Schedule is Thursday 9:00-10:30. Mike will register 12 regular players and as many substitutes as want to register. If this group desires drills, Mike will work with Percy Hughes to schedule drills with an STPC pro.

Reed-Sweatt, Tuesdays 3.5 men

We are a group of four men who are searching for two men (rated 3.5) to play from 11:30 AM to 1:30 PM on Tuesdays. We rotate to play four out of every six weeks. Call Bill Sampson at 763-566-4085 if you have an interest in joining us. If I am not available, as I am sometimes difficult to catch, call Ken Anderson at 651-762-4727 for details and to discuss the arrangement.

Fred Wells, Wednesdays 3.5-4.0 women

Wanted 3.5 to 4.0 women subs to play at the Fred Wells Tennis Center on Wednesday mornings from 9:30 to 11:00. **No guest fee**. Contact Georgia Mrosla at 612-724-4909.

Crosstown, Tuesday evenings, 3.25 MW

Great opportunity for anyone who can't play days. Need regulars and subs for group that plays at Lifetime Crosstown, Tuesdays 8:00-9:30 PM. Just \$10/session. Contact David Houghton, 612-220-6780 or email dasu100@msn.com.

•• STPC lessons and drills—all levels ••

Some court locations are subject to change during the season. No reservations necessary.

Location	Day	Time	Skill	Cost	Instructor	Phone
Reed-Sweatt Family Tennis Center	Mon	10:00-11:00 "Owies"	All	\$7.50	Dilcia Pederson	612-824-6099
4005 Nicollet Ave S Minneapolis	T	1:30-3:00 PM	All	\$5.00	Dilcia Pederson	612-824-6099
612-825-6844	Tue 1:30-3:00 PM		All	φ υ .υυ	Duncan Welty	952-933-8592
	Thu	8:30-10:00AM	All	\$5.00	Percy Hughes	612-866-1102
					Paul Stormo	952-944-6286
Fred Wells Tennis and Education Center. 100 Federal Drive, Minneapolis		11:00-12:30	All	\$5.00	Tony Rodriguez	651-246-0077
Williston Fitness & Sports 14509 Minnetonka Drive Minnetonka 952-939-8370	Wed	5:30-7:00PM	All	\$5.00	Duane Ryman	763-557-8607

Free or low-cost lessons* are offered as part of your STPC membership. New members are encouraged to take advantage of them. After twelve lessons, you will receive a free can of balls and a certificate of accomplishment and congratulations from the STPC president. You should notify your instructor when you have completed twelve lessons.

● Private Club Drills Open to STPC Members ●●

Location	Day	Cost	Time	Phone
Reed-Sweatt Family Tennis Center* 4005 Nicollet Ave S, Minneapolis	Tue	40 00	9:00-10:00 AM	612-825-6844
	Thu	Thu \$8.00	9.00-10.00 AM	Call for reservation.

^{*}Additional classes for all skill levels available, open to seniors and younger players.

Third annual STPC picnic By Mary Schneider

The third annual STPC Picnic was held at Round Lake Park in Eden Prairie on Saturday, August 16. This absolutely **free** event ran from 8:30 am through 3:30 pm and the 8 tennis courts were busy most of the day, while many other attendees were socializing as they waited for their turn on the courts. It was a beautiful sunny day (all part of the event planning by co-chairs Ronnae Wagner and Mary Schneider).

For lunch each of the 61 attendees brought one or more food items (such as fruits, vegetables, salads, and desserts) to be shared with the other attendees.

By about 2:30pm, there were a lot of tired, but very happy, members of STPC. There was even a suggestion that we should have more than one of these per year.



Suzanne Rachel Flore Lenglen (May 24, 1899 – July 4, 1938) was a French tennis player who won 31 Grand Slam titles from 1914 through 1926.

^{*} Lessons are free during outdoor season; they cost \$5 when indoor (to pay for court time). You may continue taking lessons as long as you are a member of the club.

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Johnson, Jack Olwell, Fred Budde and others contributed to a very exciting level of play. Unranked Rodney Smith, a long-time contributor to the ICT program, reached the doubles final and played exciting three-set matches in both 60 and 65 age doubles. In 60 doubles, Tom Boice and Dick Nelson defeated Rodney and his partner Tom McCune 6-4, 3-6, 6-3 and in 65 doubles Rodney and his partner David Paulson lost to Tom Fridinger and Bob Busch 6-4, 4-6, 5-7.

Ray Ranallo and partner Charles Supplee originally registered to play 85 doubles and subsequently agreed to play in the 80 doubles bracket losing the final to Al Bruce and Jack Harkness 6-2, 6-0.

Don't miss this senior clay tournament in 2009. It is planned for the eighth consecutive year to be held at Bearpath Country Club August 8-14, 2009.

Listed below are the final results.

Singles

- 50 Fred Budde (1) over Steven Beall 6-2, 6-2.
- 55 Marty Johnson (2) over Jack Olwell (1) Default Injury.
- 60 David Nash (1) over Thomas McCune 6-3, 6-2.
- 65 Tony Williams (1) over Douglas Brandt 6-4, 7-5.
- 70 William Robertson (1) over Joseph Emond 6-4, 7-6 (8-6)
- 75 Ralph Lieber (1) over Robert Tengdin 6-2, 6-4
- 80 Al Bruce over Jack Harkness 6-2, 6-0.

Doubles

- 50 Fred Budde & Marty Johnson over David Baumgarder & William Hickey 6-4, 6-3.
- 55 Jerry Kneisl & Dno Harnish 2-0 (round robin)
- 60 Thomas Boice & Dick Nelson over Thomas McCune & Rodney Smith 6-4, 3-6, 6-3.
- 65- Tom Fridinger & Bob Busch (1) over Rodney Smith & Dave Paulson (2) 4-6, 6-4, 7-5.
- 70 Ralph Lieber & William Robertson 2-0 (round robin)
- 75 Henry Norton & Warren Swanson (1) over Felix Phillips & Robert Tengdin 6-2, 6-2.
- 80 Al Bruce & Jack Harkness over Ray Ranallo & Charles Supplee 6-2, 6-0.

Nash On US Team

David Nash, who won the 60 singles title last month at the InnerCity Tennis benefit tournament at Bearpath, will play on the US Von Cramm Cup tennis team for men 60 and older. This four man team will compete in the 28th ITF Seniors and Super Seniors World Team championships in Antalya, Turkey on October 12-18.

Butorac Wins Title

Eric Butorac of Rochester and Rohan Boanna of India defeated Travis Parrott and Dusan Vemic 7-6, 7-6 to win the doubles title at the Countrywide Classic Tournament in mid-August in Los Angeles. It was Eric's first ATP doubles title of the year and career fourth. Butorac is ranked 47th in the world in doubles.

Sicora Recognized

Buffalo, Minnesota's Michael Sicora, the reigning State High School Class 2A Singles Champion received the 2007 Bill Talbert Jr. Sportsmanship Award for displaying the finest sportsmanship qualities in tournament play. The award was formally presented to him in July during a ceremony at the Hall of Fame in Newport, R.I.

Sicora was also selected, for the second time, to the 2008 National High School Tennis All-America Team by the National High School Tennis All -American Foundation.

The 18-year old Sicora who recently graduated from Buffalo High School, won nearly 50 junior tournaments. He began playing tournaments at the age of 12. He will be playing tennis at Northwestern University in Chicago and competing in the Big Ten Conference.

Chang Inducted

Michael Chang was inducted into the International Tennis Hall of Fame in July. He was small in stature but a tenacious competitor. As a 15-year-old in the summer of 1987 he became the best junior player in the US by beating Pete Sampras and Steve Courier in two USTA tournaments. In 1989 Chang won the French Open singles title and became the first America to win on the red clay since Tony Trabert in 1955.

In 2007, Chang traveled the women's tennis tour with Peng Shuai, a young Chinese player. The Michael Chang Tennis Academy recently opened in Shenzen, China. This large academy includes 51 courts and is capable of housing 2,000 junior players.

My wife Karron and I remember meeting Michael Chang several years ago at a Phoenix car rental agency. We were returning a rental car that was not performing very well and Michael was returning his car to catch a plane to his home. We left the rental agency with the car Michael had returned.















Fall/winter schedule 2008-2009

Up-to-date schedule is always on our website: www.seniortennismn.com

Want to find a place to play? Here's what you do:

- Locate one or more locations, times, and skill level that you'd like.
- Call the captains responsible and ask if they have any regular or sub positions available.
- If this doesn't accomplish what you want, call Facility Coordinators for places you'd like to play. They may be able to help you get a new group together. If no Facility Coordinator shown, call the Area Director.

•• ST. PAUL AREA ••

Play is usually September-April. Check with Captains for Start/end Dates

For corrections for St. Paul and suburbs call the Area Director: Thue Rasmussen at 651-917-0075 or E-mail him at thueor32@comcast.net

Location	Day	Time	Cts	Skill	Captains	Phone	
St. Paul Indoor Tennis Club	Wed	7:00-9:00 AM	3	3.0-3.5 MW	Krueg Krueger	651-917-3551	
600 Desoto, St. Paul Facility Coordinator Jack Wallin 651-457-2266	Fri	7:00-9:00 AM	3	3.0-3.5 MW	Krueg Krueger	651-917-3551	
White Bear Lifetime Fitness	Mon	7:00-9:00 AM	3	3.0-4.0 MW	David Howard	952-525-2252	
4800 White Bear Avenue White Bear Lake	Wed	7:00-9:00 AM	3	3.0-4.0 MW	David Howard	952-525-2252	
Facility Coordinator David Howard 952-525-2252	Fri	7:00-9:00 AM	3	2.5-3.5 MW	David Howard	952-525-2252	
Wooddale Recreation	Mon	8:00-10:00 AM	2	3.0+ MW	Ken Simmons	651-436-8857	
Center 2122 Wooddale Dr, Woodbury	Tue	1:30-3:30 PM	2	3.5 MW	Woody Gillette	651-436-2614	
Facility Coordinator:	Wed	11:00-1:00 PM	2	3.0+ MW	Connie Alt	651-450-4580	
Darlene Moynagh 651-436-8927	vvea	1:00-3:00 PM	2	3.0-3.5 M	Deane Rechow	651-738-6593	
	Thu	2:00-3:30 PM	2	3.0 MW	Earl Hall	651-731-5127	
		12:00-2:00 PM	2	3.0-3.5 MW	Woody Gillette	651-436-2614	
	Fri	1:00 2:00 DM	2	3.0 + MW	Marlys Howells	651-739-6132	
	1:00-3:00 PM		3.U → IVIVV	Ken Simmons	651-436-8857		

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•• MINNEAPOLIS AREA ••

Play is usually September-April. Check with Captains for Start/end Dates Corrections for Minneapolis and suburbs call the Area Director:

Rod Johnson 763-588-2107 or E-mail him at r-john@umn.edu

Location	Day	Time	Cts	Skill	Captains	Phone
Baseline Club 1815 4th St SE, Minneapolis	Mon Wed	10:00-12:00	3	3.5+	David Sommer	612-276-1313
1612-625-1433		10:00-12:00	3	3.5+	Lee Smeltzer	952-303-5107
Facility coordinator: Thue					Rich Naistat	952-929-3235
Rasmussen 651-917-0075		10:30-12:00	2	3.0 MW	Louise Halverson	612-722-7132
					Catherine Robinson	651-487-4189

Baseline Club (continued)		10:00-12:00	3	3.5+	David Sommer	612-276-1313
	Thu	10:00-11:00 AM	1	3.0 W	Brenda Zimmerman	651-645-1662
	Fri	9:30-11:00 AM	2	3.0-3.5 MW	Rod Johnson	763-588-2107
Crosstown Lifetime Club 6233 Baker Rd, Eden Prairie					Sharon Engel	763-383-0575
Facility Coordinator: Susan Rosenberger 952-473-7939	Mon	7:30-9:00 AM	3	3.0-3.5 W	Susan Rosenberger	952-473-7939
	Tue	8:00-9:30 PM	1	3.25 MW	David Houghton	612-220-6780
Daytona Club 14740 Lawndale Lane	Tue	9:30-11:30 AM	4	2.5-3.5 MW	Donna Mueller	763-421-8436
Daytona. Facility Coordinator: Donna Mueller 763-421-8436	Thu	9:30-11:30 AM	4	2.5-3.5 MW	John Malerich	763-537-5595
Eden Prairie Lifetime Athletic 755 Prairie Center Drive, Eden		7:30-9:30 AM	3	3.0-3.5 MW	Herb Bacal	952-945-3104
Prairie. 952-941-2000	Mon	7:30-9:00 AM	3	3.5-4.0 M	Rick Van Doeren	952-941-5322
Facility Coordinator Mary Schneider 952-975-1895	Wed	7:30-9:30 AM	4	3.0-4.0 MW	Marv Schneider	952-975-1895
	Fri	7:30-9:30 AM	5	3.0-3.5MW	Fred Jurewicz	952-496-1018
Fred Wells Tennis and Education Center		8:00-9:30 AM	1	3.5-4.0 M	Jim Nichols	651-450-7071
100 Federal Drive, Minneapolis	Mon	8:00-9:30	4	2.5.11	Clare Eldredge	651-454-5501
612-252-8367 Facility Coordinator			1	3.5 W	Marion Knox	651-454-2054
Joan Ťhomas		9:30-11:00 AM	1	3.0-3.5 W	Sandy Loewenstein	651-454-3699
651-483-9808		9:30-11:00 AM	1	3.5-4.0 W	Mary Lund	952-929-8075
		9:30-11:30 AM	3	3.5+ MW	Don Oseth	651-457-4642
		10:30-12:30 AM	2	3.0-3.5 MW	Jim Hanson	651-430-1464
	Tue	8:00-9:30	2	2.5-3.0 MW	Carrie Howes	651-406-9583
					Bernice Dougherty	651-454-1353
		9:30-11:00 AM	0	3.5-4.0 M	Frank Klein	651-686-9375
			2		Dick Altman	651-457-5324
		9:30-11:00	1	4.0 W	Mary Lou Dyrhaug	651-690-2094
		9:30-11:30	1	3.5-4.0 M	Tom Rice	952-435-8485
		11:30-1:00	1	4.5 M	Tom Costello	952-927-9366
		8:00-9:30	1		Hossein Nahvi	612-386-7001
		8:30-10:00	1	3.0-3.5 W	Jerrice Barrett	651-457-1801
	Wed	8:30-10:00	1	3.5-4.0 M	Jim Nichols	651-450-7071
		9:30-11:00	1	3.5-4.0 W	Georgia Mrosla	612-724-4909
		10:00-12:00	2	3.5 MW	Rosemary Rockwell	952-831-1461
		8:30-10:00	2	3.0 MW	Ariel Dickerman	651-292-1933
	Thu	0.30 10.30	2	3.5-4.0 M	Frank Klein	651-686-9375
		9:30-10:30			Dick Altman	651-457-5324
	iiiu	9:30-11:00	1	3.5-4.0 M	Tom Rice	952-435-8485
		10:00-12:00	3	3.5+ MW	Roger Johanson	952-831-5507
		12:30-2:00	1	4.0 M	Dennis Barrett	651-457-1801

Fred Wells Tennis and		8:30-10:00	1		Dennis Berthiaume	651-686-7710
Education Center (continued)		8:30-10:00	1	3.5-4.0 M	Jim Nichols	651-450-7071
	Fri	9:00-11:00	2	3.0-3.5 M	Jim Hanson	651-430-1464
		10:00-12:00	2	3.5 MW	Gordy Manaige	651-429-4046
		12:00-1:30	1	4.5 M	Tom Costello	952-927-9366
	Sat	9:30-11:00	1	4.0 W	Mary Lou Dyrhaug	651-690-2094
	Sun	3:00-4:30 PM	1	4.0 VV	Bill Hocking	651-690-2094
Hopkins North Junior High	Suli	3.00-4.30 FW	'		Bill Hocking	031-090-2094
10700 Cedar Lake Road Minnetonka	Sat	4:00-6:00 PM	3	3.0-4.0 MW	Marv Schneider	952-975-1895
Lakeville Lifetime Fitness 18424 Dodd Blvd	Mon	8:30-10:00 AM	2	All	Lester Drankwater	952-432-7218
Lakeville, 952-232-1390	IVIOII	7:00-8:30 PM	2	All	Marty Alterman	952-435-6394
Facility coordinator: Lester Drankwater, 952-432-7218	Fri	8:30-10:00 AM	2	All	Mary Alterman	952-435-6394
Match Point Tennis Center	Tue	8:30-10:30 AM	2-3	3.0-3.5 M	Bruce Abrahamson	952-461-2617
9913 214th Street W, Lakeville. Directions 612-850-4746	Thu	8:00-9:30 AM	2-3	3.0-3.5 M	Bruce Abrahamson	952-461-2617
	Fri	8:30-10:30 AM	2-3	3.0-3.5 M	Bruce Abrahamson	952-461-2617
Oakdale Lifetime Fitness	Tue	8:00-9:00 AM	1	3.0 W	Eudice Gallop	952-595-8357
1201 Ford Road, Minnetonka Facility Coordinator:	Wed	7:30-9:00 AM	3	3.0-3.5 M	Bill Jacobs	952-473-2084
Bill Jacobs 952-473-2084	Fri	7:30-9:00 AM	3	3.0-3.5 M	Bill Jacobs	952-473-2084
PublicIndoorTennis.com 7833 Highway 65 N.E., Spring Lake Park, MN 55432. Facility Coordinator: Gladys Murray 651-483-2850	Mon thru Fri	8:00 AM - 3:00 PM (except see Thu below)	4	Time available – call Gladys	Gladys Murray	651-483-2850
	Mon	10:30-12:00	3	3.0 MW	Lee Carlson	763-571-6862
	Thu	8:30-10:30 AM	3	3.0-4.0 MW	Mike Schlecter	651-274-2011
		10:30-noon	3	2.5-3.0 MW	Gladys Murray	651-483-2850
Reed-Sweatt Family Tennis Center		8:30-10:00 AM	3	2.5-3.0 W	Joan Petroff	952-893-9149
4005 Nicollet Avenue S		10:00-11:30 AM	3	3.0 MW	Lois Bunday	952-831-7677
Minneapolis 612-825-6844	Man	11:00-12:30 PM	_	O E M///	David Kopf	612-340-0287
	Mon	11.00-12.30 PW	2	2.5 MW	Hansel Hall	612-332-2685
Facility Coordinator Tom Waki		11:20 1:20 DM	6	3.5-4.0 M	Ken Landro	763-544-9757
612-388-7879		11:30-1:30 PM	6		Thue Rasmussen	651-917-0075
		7:00-9:00 AM	2	2.5-3.0 MW	Herman Swanson	612-861-4313
		9:00-10:30 AM	3	3.0 M	Don Pirner	612-377-9125
		9:00-11:00 AM	3	3.0-3.5 MW	Bob Williams	763-488-9986
		10:30-12:00 PM	3	2.5-3.0 MW	Dennis Moody	651-488-8124
	Tue	11:00-12:30 PM	2	2.5 MW	Norma Johnson	612-374-2460
		11:30-1:30 PM	1	3.5 M	Bill Sampson	763-566-4085
		1:30-3:00 PM	2	3.5 W	Jean Murdock	612-825-5826
		1:30-3:00 PM	2-3	Any	Courts available! Call Mike Vidmar	612-825-6844
		2:00-3:30 PM	2	2.5-3.0 MW	Gunter Nitz	952-933-1570

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Tennis Center (Continued)		9:00-10:30 AM	3	Any	Courts available!	Vidmar at RSFTC 612-825- 6844
		9:30-11:30 AM	3	3.0-3.5 MW	Ronnae Wagner	952-938-5785
		9:30-11:00 AM	3	3.0-4.0 W	Joanne Schmid	952-474-6022
		9.50-11.00 AW	7	3.0 ⁻ 4 .0 W	Alverda Simcoe	763-315-0657
	Wed	10:30-12:00 PM	2	2.5-3.0 W	Shirley Pratt	651-291-1493
		10.30-12.00 FW	۷	2.0-0.0 VV	Rita Welch	952-926-5789
		10:30-12:00 PM	1	3.0-3.5 M	Ken Rich	612-377-4682
		11:30-1:30 PM	2	3.5-4.0 MW	Larry LaLonde	612-922-1780
		11.30-1.30 PW	2	3.5-4.0 IVIVV	Jo Rolling	651-777-3773
		1:00-3:00 PM	2	3.5-4.0 M	Tom Jackson	763-550-1369
		7:00-9:00 AM	4	2.5-3.0 MW	Herman Swanson	612-861-4313
		0.20 10.20	4	2.5.2.0.14\A/	Linda Wright	952-895-1142
		8:30-10:30	4	2.5-3.0 MW	Bill Kruckeberg	952-926-3397
	Thu	10:30-noon	2	3.0-3.5 MW	Corrine Lee	612-922-1333
		Noon-3:00 PM	2	Any	Courts available!	Contact Mike Vidmar at RSFTC 612-825- 6844
		8:30-9:30 AM	1	2.5-3.0 W	Florence Halverson	952-835-5999
		9:00-10:30 AM	5	2.5-3.5 MW	Bob Hokanson	952-929-1152
			5	2.5-3.5 10100	Mary Lou Bowen	612-869-9438
	Fri	9:00-11:00 AM	4	3.0-3.5 MW	Ronnae Wagner	952-938-5785
		10:30-12:30 PM	3	3.0 MW	Lyle Lassonde	952-435-0440
		12:30-2:30 PM	6	3.5-4.0 MW	Joell Anderson	952-881-5510
			6		Gerry Ludwig	763-522-9376
	Sun	2:00-3:30 PM	1	3.0-3.5 W	Mary Kay Ulness	651-227-4667
Williston Fitness and Sports 14509 Minnetonka Drive		10:30-12:00	2	3.0-3.5	Frank Locke	952-937-9394
Minnetonka	Mon	10.30-12.00	۷	3.0-3.5	Harold Krantz	952-935-6656
Facility Coordinator Ed Fischer 763-550-9770	IVIOIT	2:30-4:00 PM	1	3.0-3.5 W	Linda Kraft	952-934-1992
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	Tue	8:00-9:30 AM	2	3.0-3.5 MW	Tom Shillock	952-475-2199
	Tue	11:30-1:00 PM	2	3.0-3.5 MW	Fred Wright	952-938-1242
		10:30-12:00	2	2025	Frank Locke	952-937-9394
	Wed	10.30-12.00	2	3.0-3.5	Harold Krantz	952-935-6656
		1:30-3:00 PM	2	3.0-3.5 MW	Dwane Billbe	952-938-5016
		8:00-9:30 AM	2	3.0-3.5 M	Fred Wright	952-938-1242
	Th	11:30-1:00	2	2.5-3.5 W	Jeannie Rose	763-537-2455
	Thu	1:00 2:20 DM	4	202514	Linda Kraft	952-934-1992
		1:00-2:30 PM	1	3.0-3.5 W	Jenny Caldwell	763-473-6015

98th Street Racquet and Swim	Mon	7:30-9:00 AM	3	3.0-3.5 MW	Ken Gjerde	612-827-2073
1001 West 98th Street					Joyce Hermann	952-890-0877
Bloomington. Facility Coordinator: Caryl Minnetti 952-884-5136	Wed	8:00-10:00 AM	2	3.0-3.5 MW	Caryl Minnetti	952-884-5136

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Tennis

By Erma Bombeck

Editor's note: thanks to Fritz Weber for saving this ancient Bombeck column. Date unknown, but she was playing with a wooden racket.

So many people have been asking me if I am playing better tennis this year. Mainly, they have been the people who played me last year.

I am happy to report that although my form is much the same, I have picked up a few tricks of the court that I have seen professionals use, which is bound to improve my game.

I have finally mastered what to do with the second tennis ball. Having small hands, I was becoming terribly self-conscious about keeping it in a can in the car while I served the first one. I noted some women tucked the second ball just inside the elastic leg of their tennis panties. I tried, but found the space already occupied by a leg. Now I simply drop the second ball down my cleavage, giving me a chest that often stuns my opponent throughout an entire set.

Next, I have learned how to stall, thus throwing my entire opponent's game off. It's called the old tie-theshoe trick. When your opponent is ready to serve, simply drop to your knees, untie your shoe, rearrange its tongue, and tie it again... Another play is the rearrange-the-strings number. Never take the rap for a bad return or no return. Whenever you hit a ball into the net or miss it entirely, bring the game to a grinding halt by checking the strings of your racket, spending sometimes as much as five minutes separating them and testing their strength. This absolves you of any of the responsibility for a bad shot.

Forget all you have been told about concentration. It is overrated. Often, when there is time during one of my lobs, I yell across the net, "Your zipper is open," and have not only been ignored, but soundly punished for my good deed.

Probably my greatest accomplishment this year has been my skill at learning to play the game called, "Run Around the Backhand." Early in my tennis career, I used to think when a ball landed to the left of me I had to use my backhand to return it. I have since learned that anything is better, including straddling a 15-foot cyclone fence.

No doubt about it—everyday in every way, my game grows stronger. I saw one enthusiast the other day playing with his racket out of the press. I'll have to try that.